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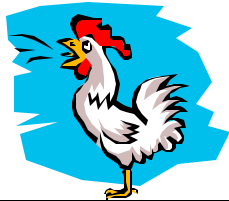
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Generally, preliminary majority prices in the West were unchanged, Midwest one cent higher, and East one cent lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive; however, fast food interest was noted as improved due to holiday shopping. Offerings were at least sufficient with most areas reporting adequate to fully adequate availability. In the parts structure, wings were in the best position, but steady. Other items were fully adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/04-12/09/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	48.00-52.00	45.00-58.00	51.04	24
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	51.00-54.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	58.00-61.50	46.00-64.00	60.46	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
564	59.06-62.75	61.41

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	125.50	4,617
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00	1,015
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	8,170
WINGS	80.00	2,760

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WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings fully adequate. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover features and fast food needs. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment remained weak on breasts and about steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 99 and southern grown 89, whole cut-up 119, leg quarters 79 (280-490 10# bags), thighs 88-89, drumsticks 88-89 (245 5# bags), whole legs 88, split breasts 97-119, boneless leg meat 99-118, boneless thigh meat 129-348, boneless breasts 179-499; Northern California - whole body California grown 79-89 and whole cut-up 89, whole leg 89-109, thighs 88-119, drumsticks 88-109, wings 99, boneless breasts 299, cornish hens 199 (twin pack); Denver - whole body southern grown 99, boneless breasts 99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago increased 1 cent from last Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of additional product were fully adequate. Retail demand was somewhat improved, slow to light with increased interest for next week's features and first of the month business. Food service channels received mixed demand with best movement where promotional activities present and into restaurants accounts. Floor stocks adequate to ample with sizes desirable. Parts trading was seasonal, best for wings with increased activity for tenderloins in the St. Louis area. Supplies of all items were fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady on wings, about steady on breast items and barely steady to weak on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only light to fair at best, and dealers were cautious as weekend demand remained reluctant to materialize. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was limited, however, the occasional promotion usually lured some additional consumer purchasing. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and dark meat parts were readily available. Wings continued to see active interest.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light and unaggressive with little trading; however, reports that fast food interest had improved in some areas due to an increase in holiday shopping and consumers eating out more. Supplies were usually sufficient and becoming more available for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and continued to move well. The remaining items were more than sufficient with little demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but remained below expectations and short of satisfactorily clearing current offerings. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced at several plants and were light in total as many sought to keep production from accumulating further. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment continued mostly weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as more than sufficient for the light and cautious buying interest.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	49-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.87
NO. OF BOXES	9,912
CUMULATIVE	11/27/00-12/01/00 57.75
	11/29/99-12/03/99 62.46
NO. OF BOXES	11/27/00-12/01/00 55,750
	11/29/99-12/03/99 45,918

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NOVEMBER 30, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 01, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	870	101.00-192.00	130-135	132.90	901	101.00-192.00	125-135	129.02	4,094	129.37
TENDERLOINS	70	150.00-240.00	-	178.57	162	155.00-240.00	-	165.49	515	175.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	62.00-66.00	64-65	65.05	TOO FEW TO REPORT				795	65.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				420	67.08
LEGS	126	31.00-47.00	31-33	31.76	124	31.00-46.00	32-33	31.48	502	32.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	20.00-25.00	21-22	22.18	622	20.00-25.00	22-23	22.20	2,362	21.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,698	20.50-28.00	23-25	25.04	1,221	20.50-29.00	25-27	25.33	7,073	25.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	75.00-80.00	77-79	79.26	270	75.00-80.00	77-79	79.40	1,354	79.10
WINGS (CUT)	630	87.00-106.00	90-93	93.03	462	87.00-107.00	92-94	92.87	2,824	93.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				14	82.00-87.00	-	85.52	155	67.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 30, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

42.50 - 46.50

44.34

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 01, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

41.50 - 45.00

43.10

44.21

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity continued light and disappointing, and the usual weekend impetus remained elusive. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were ample, and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat items were readily available, and leg quarters were particularly slow to clear. Wings continued to garner the best interest and were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels remained sluggish. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

NOV 30, 2000

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	112.00	710,080
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.52	148,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	59.94	290,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	53.33	155,640
LEGS	34-35	38.03	193,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.79	362,429
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	35.19	169,830
THIGHS	30-31	32.91	200,420
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.03	49,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	86.03	329,380
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	77,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.58	83,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.98	111,480

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	113.12	705,920	114.90	3,527,930
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.23	188,640	148.87	826,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	60.04	239,200	59.30	1,458,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	49.90	180,000	52.76	1,247,140
LEGS	34-35	37.04	246,160	38.80	1,120,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	22.49	469,691	24.69	2,411,193
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.35	279,880	35.33	1,055,850
THIGHS	30-31	34.88	151,564	34.64	826,404
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.12	68,040	82.46	288,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	84.51	403,920	85.11	1,854,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	90,040	12.06	433,724
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.50	99,600	44.54	457,850
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.78	128,360	68.76	585,650

DEC 01, 2000

WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	12/01	11/30	11/29	11/28	11/29	11/28	11/24	11/22		
ALA	3,858	3,907	3,870	3,832	5.09	4.97	2,246	4.83		
ARK	5,356	5,300	4,984	4,965	4.85	4.99	2,095	4.78		
DELMARVA	1,920	2,278	2,360	2,303	4.88	4.99	2,081	4.92		
KY-LA-TN	2,003	1,995	2,000	2,019	4.52	4.61	1,357	4.54		
MISS	2,761	2,858	2,676	2,760	5.13	5.06	1,814	4.88		
NC	3,121	2,627	2,650	2,598	5.88	6.01	2,140	5.87		
TEXAS	2,287	2,324	2,292	2,286	4.82	4.88	2,167	4.64		
TOTAL	21,306	21,289	20,832	20,763	5.03	5.08	13,900	4.95		
MON-FRI105,539(A)							76,106(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01& 02-Dec-00 is estimated to be 31,876,000 up 2.26 percent from a week ago and down 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,433,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Dec-00 is estimated to be 153,240,000 head up 37.3 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 111,581,000 Last year 154,008,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-112
HENS OVER 5#	94
DUCKS	152-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Nov 18, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,915	26,502	38,173
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.21
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,346	28,219	39,933
Avg Weight	3.77	4.82	6.22
% of total /1	33%	28%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,876	24,337	32,683
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	6.27
% of total /1	38%	26%	36%
To date/2000	1,508,091	1,534,119	1,861,904
To date/1999	1,466,347	1,429,444	1,871,491

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	111,581	(A) 1,134	944	2,078	376
AVG WT	5.20	3.45	8.09	5.56	6.67
LAST WEEK	148,934	1,858	1,411	3,269	500
YR AGO	109,769	1,364	846	2,210	387
AVG WT	4.97	3.53	7.92	5.21	6.73
TO-DATE/2000	7,225,409	88,575	67,886	156,461	21,081
TO-DATE/1999	7,087,305	96,629	66,307	162,936	20,691

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 112.9 million head or 30.3 million head less than or 79 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 28, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .68	Silkie	4.00 -5.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .74	Geese 9-14	.20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .52	Pigeons	2.00 -2.60ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .54	White Pigeons	2.25 -2.60ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .68	Rabbits 4-6	.90 -1.32
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .72	Rabbits 7-11	.80 -1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 -5.25ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .90	Guinea Pigs	.25 -1.75ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 -1.30	Goats	30.00-54.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 -6.50ea.	Doves	3.00 -4.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 -3.75 ea.	Pullets 4-6	.60 -.84
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24		

Total Coops Sold 642

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 27-NOV-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126 122-124	123-127 123-125
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70-71	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	73-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was good. Sizes were mostly desirable. Schedules were full-time to over-time this week to make up for last weeks holiday schedule. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-NOV-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	THOUSANDS	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER	21	158.2	151.5	104	4.97
	28	155.9	151.9	103	5.14
NOVEMBER	4	158.5	150.2	106	5.01
	11	159.5	147.1	108	5.12
	18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06
	25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20
YEAR TO DATE		7315.6	7189.5	102	
DECEMBER	2		145.6		
	9		148.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	12/02/00	11/25/00	% CHG	11/27/99	% CHG
Broilers	153,240	111,581*	+37	154,008*	0
Cattle	671	610	+10	677*	-01
Hogs	2,023	1,775	+14	2,041*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged on light canners, however trading on heavy canners were higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good, best on heavies. Supplies ranged from short to adequate for trade needs. Undertone was steady to fully steady mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-24 MAJORITY	29-34.5 MAJORITY 31-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	29.5-35 MAJORITY 31.5-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Demand was only fair and unaggressive. Interest for finished product were clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of leghorn fowl available for slaughter. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were full. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with offerings fully sufficient to instances burdensome for current production requirements. Slaughter schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. The market tone was usually steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate to good for adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were active in shipping channels with current schedules full at most plants. Trade sentiment was at least steady to full steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample with some flocks forced to move earlier than desired due to lack of line time after the first of the year.

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